

March 2026 Post News

As many of you know Seward Alaska plays host to the American Cancer Society POLAR BEAR JUMP. This fundraiser requires normal perfectly sane people to jump into the Seward boat harbor in January when the harbor is covered in ice (Alaska's own NEC Jim Pisa has participated in this event in the past). Seward Post 5 also hosts many activities during this time (frozen Turkey Bowling comes to mind). Their Polar Bear Karaoke raised more money and some of the participants really got into it!!



TILL NEXT
YEAR!!



Post 13 would like to thank the visiting Pipers who came to celebrate the Great Guinness Toast for dropping by to play and dance.

Looks like Commander Joe came to pick up some dance moves or learn the Bagpipe?



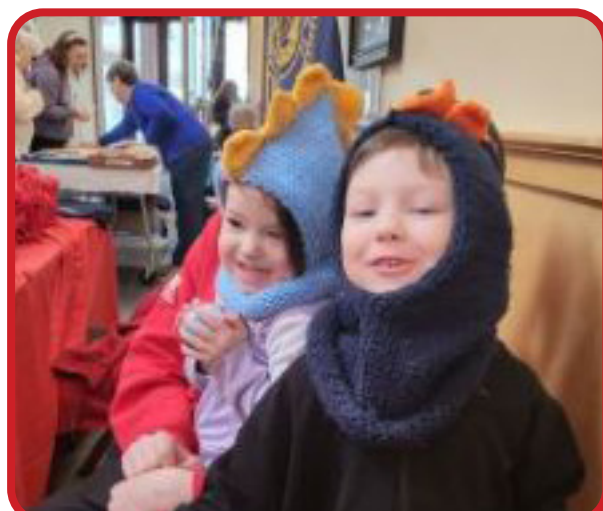
Post 13 caught up with USCG Cutter KUKUI Coastie's, IT2 Calcaterra and BMC Gerke for awards presentation. IT2 Calcaterra was coined and honored with a Certificate of Service for his volunteered time on the 4th of July weekend working his chef skills with the American Legion tent. BMC Gerke given his Presidential Volunteer Service Award, bronze level from 2024.



Crazy Coasties



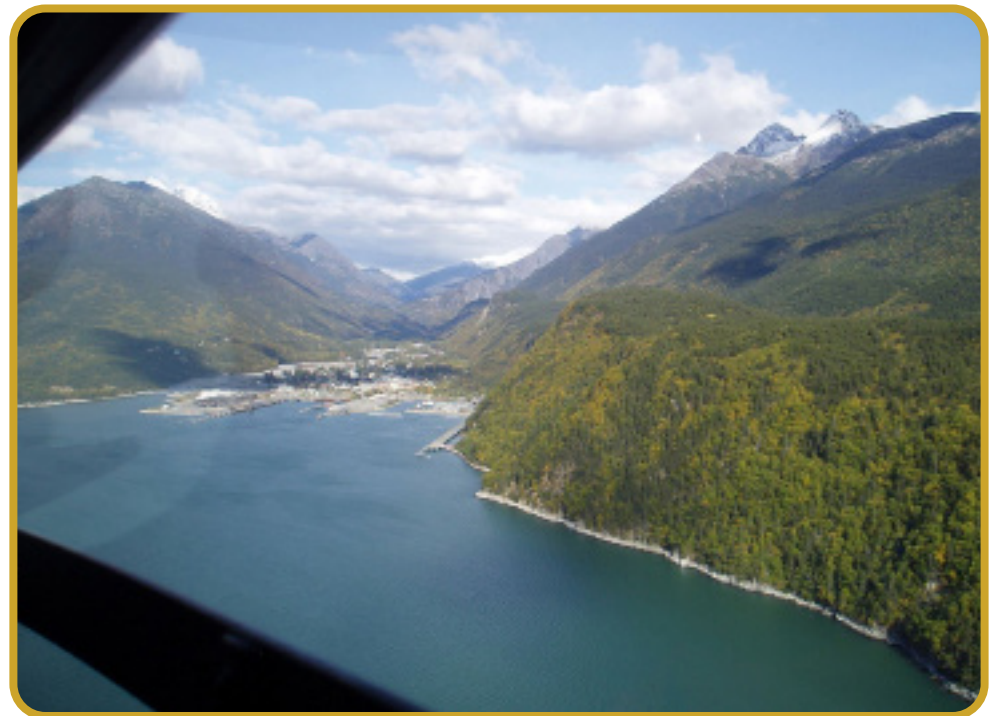
Post 13 at the Raining Day Bazaar at the Sitka Centennial Hall



Post 25 hosted Congressman Begich and some of his DC and Alaska staff to meet with Post members, answer questions, and address issues. Representative Jamie Allard (American Legion and Veteran) was also in attendance.



Sometimes we need to be reminded of the beautiful state we live in. Skagway is one of my favorite places so let's take a look, compliments of Tim Cochran, Post 7 Adjutant.



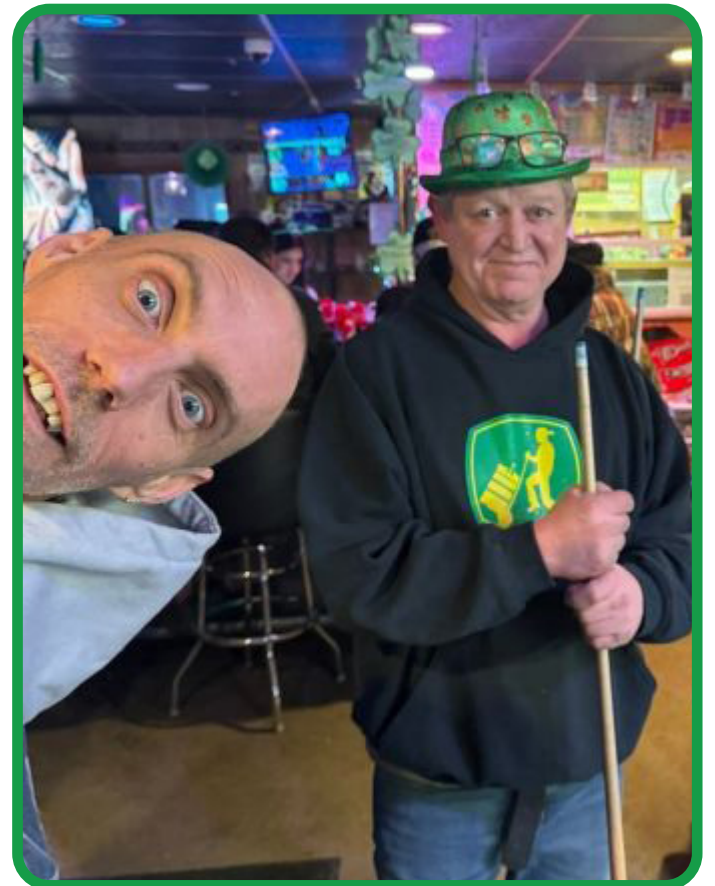
Low Tide



Sooty Bites



Post 29 knows how to do St. Paddy's Day!!!



Some folks really enjoy St. Patricks Day!!



Paula Gallagher of Post 16 won the Trivia Contest Again!!!



The answer to ONE of the Trivia Questions!
 (See what I did here...made you look at the Post News!)

Between 1912 and 1915, a number of single men mysteriously disappeared in Southeast Alaska. A Petersburg man named Edward Krause, who'd run for the Territorial Legislature in 1912, represented himself as a U.S. Marshall at the Treadwell Mine in Douglas in September. Krause told the bosses that he had a court summons for mine worker James Christie. He departed with the fake lawman and was never seen again. Krause was also identified as the last person to see a missing charter boat operator out of Juneau, a warrant for his arrest was issued on charges of impersonating a federal officer in the Christie case.

Krause escaped and jumped onboard a steamer heading for Seattle. But when the steamer docked in Puget Sound, police detectives were waiting. A search of Krause's possessions turned up incriminating evidence, which tied him to not only the recent disappearances in Juneau, but to the disappearances of at least eight other men, too. 😬

When he returned to Alaska, his true identity surfaced. Krause was really Edward Slompke, who'd served with the U. S. Army at Wrangell in 1897 and deserted in 1902. Authorities found that over the years Krause recovered the assets of the murdered men. They also learned that a "murder gang," run by Krause at Petersburg, was involved in additional mysterious disappearances.

Krause's trials started in the spring of 1917. Since none of his victims ever were found, jurors found him guilty of kidnapping, robbery and forgery among other charges. He was sentenced to die by hanging in Juneau.

Unbelievably he sawed through the bars of his cell and escaped from the Juneau Federal Jail two days before his slated execution. That launched the most widespread manhunt in the territory's history. Fishing fleets in every community mobilized to block his escape from Alaska. A few days later, a homesteader collected \$1,000 (about \$33,000 in today's money reward). Krause was killed after the fugitive stepped out of a stolen skiff onto the beach at Admiralty Island.

To this day, law enforcement believes the extent of Krause's criminal activities, if ever known, would be one of the most startling in the history of American crime. 🤯



Larry

Curly

Moe



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 APRIL!!!**



Post 29, Squadron 29 and Unit 29 donated to the Bettye Davis East High School JROTC Drill Team for their trip to Nationals.



Paint Night at Post 28



Oratorical Winners!

1st Place

Reagan Wingard
 She was awarded \$3,500
 Jan Scott Memorial
 Scholarship

2nd Place

Germaly Figueroa Perez
 She was awarded \$2,500
 Jan Scott Memorial
 Scholarship

Some "notable character's" attended a wreath laying ceremony in Washington DC and then spent sometime roaming and playing in the Halls of the Capitol Building (happily, no one wrote on the walls).

